Foreign tourists visited India

2458. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign tourists visited the country during each of the last three years;

(b) the percentage of foreign tourists visiting the country of the global tourists visiting other countries;

(c) whether any plan/scheme has been chalked out to attract tourists during the Eleventh Plan Period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the amount allocated for the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) The number of foreign tourist arrivals (FTAs) in India, and the share of India in the world, during 2005, 2006 and 2007 are given below:—

Year	FTAs in India (in million)	Share of India in World
2005	3.92	0.49%
2006	4.45	0.52%
2007*	5.00	0.55%

*Provisional

(c) and (d) Ministry of Tourism is implementing a number of plan schemes for promotion and development of tourism in the country. The outlays of these plan schemes for the Eleventh Five Year Plan are as under:

(Rupees in crore)

Sl.No.	Schemes/Programmes	Outlay
1.	Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits.	2381
2.	Overseas Promotion and Publicity including Market Development Assistance	1010
3.	Assistance to IHMs/FCIs/IITTM/NIWS/NIAS/NCHMCT	495
4.	Domestic Promotion and Publicity including Hospitality	426
5.	Incentives to Accommodation Infrastructure	235
6.	Assistance for Large Revenue Generating Projects	200
7.	Computerization and Information Technology	121
8.	Others	288
	TOTAL:	5156

Tourism hub at Wagah Border

2459. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to upgrade Wagah/Attari border in Punjab as a global tourism hub;

(b) if so, the details thereof, *inter-alia*, indicating the state-of-the-art facilities that are proposed to be developed at this place to achieve the objective;

(c) whether the above project would be funded by the Centre; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, sanctioned Rs. 484.58 lakh to the Government of Punjab for the project 'Integrated Development of Wagah/Attari Border as a tourist destination' during the year 2005-06. The components of the project include development of tourist facilities and upgradation of surroundings of Wagah/Attari Border, construction of Aman Umeed Bhawan and development of Rajasansi Village Carpet Weaver Complex, etc.

Proposal for tourism in Gujarat

2460. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Gujarat has sent some proposals for certain tourism projects to the Central Government for accord/sanction; and

(b) if so, the number of projects which have been cleared and the number of projects which have not been cleared so far?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) Development and promotion of places of tourist interest is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance on the basis of project proposals prioritized in consultation with the State Governments including the State of Gujarat for Product/Infrastructure development of tourist destinations/circuits.

The projects proposals which are, complete in all respects, are appraised on the basis of *inter-se* priority and funds are released, subject to availability under the respective head.

During the 10th Five Year Plan, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned projects worth Rs. 3726.79 lakh for development of tourism in the State of Gujarat.

In 2007-08, the following projects, which were complete as per guidelines, have been sanctioned to the State of Gujarat:

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl.No.	Name of the project	Amount
1.	Wildlife Interpretation Park at Amreli	474.25
2.	Development of Village Nageswar, District Jamnagar	65.33
3.	Development of Rural Tourism Project (CBSP) in Village Navagaon and Maregaon (Saputara) District Dangs	17.00